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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/466,828
Filing Date	December 20, 1999
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	R. Berry
Attorney Docket Number	0756-2077

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
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 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION
1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	790	2001 395 Utility filing fee	
1002	350	2002 175 Design filing fee	
1003	550	2003 275 Plant filing fee	
1004	790	2004 395 Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005 80 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20**	= <input type="text"/> X \$18	= <input type="text"/>
Independent Claims	-3**	= <input type="text"/> X \$88	= <input type="text"/>
Multiple Dependent		= <input type="text"/>	

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description (\$)
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	88	2201 44 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	300	2203 150 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	88	2204 44 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)
3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	980	2253	490 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	765 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,080	2255	1040 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170 Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	300	2403	150 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	490	2502	245 Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801	790	2801	395 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____				

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